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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF GERMAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY

1. JANUARY 5 LOCAL PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO
A TURKISH-GERMAN MILITARY AGREEMENT SIGNED AUGUST 11,
1975. PRESS REPORTED THAT AGREEMENT CALLS FOR GERMANS
TO PROVIDE LEOPARD TANKS, AIR DEFENSE MISSILES, ALPHA
JETS, AND OTHER ARMAMENTS. USDAO RELIABLE SOURCE WHO
IS IN POSITION TO KNOW GIVES CREDENCE TO PRESS
REPORTS. ACCORDING TO USDAO SOURCE, AGREEMENT CALLS
FOR THE FRG TO PROVIDE SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO
TURKEY, BUT LIST OF SURPLUS ITEMS (SHOWN TO U.S.
DEFENSE ATTACHE) CONTAINS INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT,
CLOTHING, WING TANKS FOR AIRCRAFT, AND SOME SPARE
PARTS BUT NO RPT NO MAJOR ARMAMENTS.

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2. TURKS HAVE ASKED GERMANS FOR ARMAMENTS, BUT

ACCORDING TO SOURCE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THEY CANNOT EXPECT FRG TO PROVIDE SAME MILITARY ASSISTANCE THAT U.S. HAS BEEN PROVIDING. GERMANS TOLD TURKS NOT TO MIX MILITARY AID WITH COMMERCIAL SALES. GERMANS ARE WILPING TO SELL HARDWARE, BUT ONLY FOR HARD CASH. WHENEVER TURKS HAVE RAISED SUBJECT OF MAJOR ARMAMENTS, SUCH AS LEOPARD TANKS, GERMANS REPORTEDLY HAVE TOLD THEM FIRST TO DEVELOP A LONG-RANGE RATIONAL PRGRAM TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF EQUIPMENT.

3. GERMANS AND TURKS EXPECT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON NINTH TRANCHE OF GERMAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IN MID-FEBRUARY. NINTH TRANCHE (100 MILLION DM), WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE SEVERAL ON-GOING PROGRAMS, WITH ABOUT 80 PERCENT DEVOTED TO PROVIDING NEW EQUIPMENT, 20 PERCENT FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.

4. DAO REPORTING FURTHER DETAILS ON FRG MILITARY ASSISTANCE PLANS FOR TURKEY IN IR 6 898 0007-76.
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